



# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Back-Ups Possible on Pit River Bridge at Christmas

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2, advises motorists to prepare for moderate delays on Interstate 5, at the Pit River Bridge, the Saturday before Christmas.

Work continues and traffic remains reduced to one lane in each direction. Traffic count data from 2001, the last time Christmas fell on a Tuesday, suggests an up to one-hour delay is possible for northbound motorists on Saturday, December 22.

“While we ask motorists to prepare for hour long delays, just in case,” said District Director Brian Crane, “we’ve observed much less volume the past two holiday seasons and we’re optimistic back-ups will be shorter.”

On Wednesday, December 26, northbound travelers may experience delays of 10 minutes or less. Caltrans anticipates minimal southbound delays during the Christmas Holiday. Winter weather could affect all delay estimates.

Caltrans will use changeable message signs and highway advisory radio to inform motorists of delay times and backups. During the busiest travel days, motorists can get real time updated information by calling the Pit River Bridge hot line at 530-225-3054.

To make the trip more comfortable, drivers should be patient, plan extra time to reach their destinations and choose off-peak times to travel.

For more information regarding travel issues, visit the web at [www.caltrans2.info](http://www.caltrans2.info)

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